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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the allowance of the present application provided by the Notice of Allowance issued on May 9, 2006.

The Applicant wishes to clarify that the Reasons for Allowance may refer to just one of multiple features that may distinguish the allowed claims over the references of record. For example, the Reasons for Allowance characterize one such feature as "associating the UUID of the second process with the process entry for the second process in the process table; configuring the second process to respond to a global synchronization event by releasing resources, reporting status, and performing a controlled shutdown." This feature is recited in the claims in various scopes, which are in no way limited by the characterizations included in the Reasons for Allowance.

Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the characterization of the allowed claims, as set forth in the Notice of Allowability, provides a generalized characterization of the aforementioned claims, and therefore should not be interpreted as presenting an accurate interpretation of the scope of any of the respective allowed claims.

Favorable consideration of the present comments on the statement of reasons for allowance is respectfully requested.

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